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BREA Meetings

BREA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month (except for August), at 1 p.m. in one of the conference rooms in Bldg. 400 (except where noted).

All BREA members are invited to attend and participate.

Meeting Schedule

May 10, 2016

June 14, 2016

July 12, 2016

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*BREA luncheon on
Wednesday, June
8. Use form on
page 2 to sign up.*



From the President

by Liz Seubert, liz.and.ev@gmail.com

Summer is on the way, so celebrate by joining BNL friends at the Bellport Country Club for BREA's annual luncheon on Wednesday, June 8. Do sign up today.

At the luncheon, past BNL Director Nicholas Samios – a terrific speaker – will give the keynote talk. In 2014, after 55 years at Brookhaven Lab, Samios was named distinguished senior scientist emeritus for his highly awarded contributions as a physicist and Laboratory Director. In 2003, he became Director of the RIKEN BNL Research Center, a collaboration between Japan and BNL to explore quark-gluon plasma and spin physics.

Members comfortable with the web say that they prefer reading BREA News online. If you are a techie type and don't want the hardcopy to arrive by post, please notify Sheryl Gerstman, sigronkonkoma@gmail.com, to take you off the mailing list. BREA will save printing costs and stamps. Better yet, you'll help save trees!

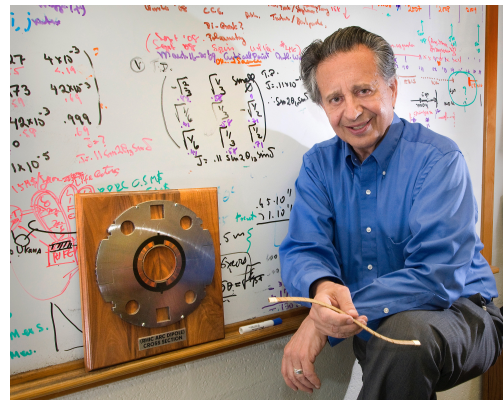
By the way, if you haven't paid your 2016 membership, you'll be cut off in June, but please send in your \$10 and stay with us.

See you on June 8, if not before.

– Liz Seubert, liz.and.ev@gmail.com

Luncheon on June 8

- Date:** Wednesday, June 8, 2016
- Time:** 12 noon to 4 p.m.
- Place:** Bellport Country Club
- Meal:** Salad, choice of beef, chicken or fish entree, dessert, coffee or tea, and soda (wine and beer at cash bar)
- Price:** \$39 per person, must reserve and pay before luncheon



Former BNL Director Nicholas Samios will be the guest speaker at BREA's annual luncheon.

BREA will hold its 13th annual luncheon on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. This get-together for BREA members and guests is being organized by Lillian Kouchinsky, who says the event promises to be fun for everyone.

To make reservations, complete the bottom portion of this invitation and return it with your check in the amount of \$39 per person payable to BREA to the address below as soon as possible — but to be postmarked no later than June 1. Members who have not yet renewed for 2016 and would like to attend should follow the instructions on page 4 for renewing. If you are renewing your BREA membership, please write separate checks! For more information about the lunch, contact:

Lillian Kouchinsky
lkouchin@yahoo.com or (631) 874-8766

Directions: From LIE eastbound, take Exit 65. From LIE westbound, take Exit 66. From either direction, follow the service road to Bellport Ave. and go south (Bellport Avenue becomes Station Road). From Sunrise Highway, take Exit 56 to Station Road and go south. In Bellport village, turn right on South Country Road. Bellport Country Club is on the left about 1/2 mile down the road. The club's phone number is (631) 286-4227.

----- detach here and mail to BREA at the address below -----

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

For travel assistance, contact Lillian Kouchinsky at lkouchin@yahoo.com or (631) 874-8766.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail form and check to: BREA c/o BERA – Luncheon
 Brookhaven National Laboratory
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 Upton, NY 11973

BREA Members Find Rewards in Volunteering

Helping Active Military and Veterans – AdoptaPlatoon is a national organization begun by two mothers who found that their deployed sons were not receiving all that they needed to remind them of home. As members of the the Lab's Brookhaven Veterans Association (BVA), we belong to a committee of employees and retirees who package and ship about 130 pounds of supplies and goodies to our assigned platoon every month.



AdoptaPlatoon members packed candy and other tasty treats to send to U.S. troops overseas. The candy was donated by students at Riverhead's Pulaski St. Elementary. From left: Linda Feierabend, Maria Schmidt, Joyce Fortunato, Joe Fortunato, Kelly Backofen, Maryellen Braunreuther, Lisa Metz, Bob Duffin, and Susan Duffin. Not shown: Michael Paquette.

Operating strictly on donations, we use our off time to fundraise, shop and package shipments that may hold toothbrushes, razors, socks, reading and writing material, soaps, microwaveable meals, soups and, always, candy. All in all, it is a rewarding experience to know that you can bring a little taste of home to service members overseas.

Bob and I are both veterans and joined BVA at its inception as a BERA club. BVA is quite active. In the past we have helped to rebuild a veterans group home in Shirley. Recently, we sponsored a great talk by physicist Benjamin Bederson, who spoke about "From Army Private to Atomic Physicist for the Manhattan Project." You can read Jane Koropsak's report at <https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=26221>. Coming up is our Mother's Day Plant Sale, May 5 and 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Berkner Hall. And year-round, AdoptaPlatoon collects old/used cell phones. Please get them to Joanne Delles in Bldg. 400A at the Lab. We hope to increase membership so that we can do more to support our servicemen and women, both active duty and veteran. Contact us!

– Sue and Bob Duffin, east935@optonline.net



Supporting Children With Life-Threatening Illnesses – When I decided to volunteer, I was searching for an organization nearby, one that had a high rating for charities, and a high percentage that goes directly to the recipients. I chose Friends of Karen. They have an office in my hometown, Port Jefferson, but they are a New York tristate organization, also serving families in Connecticut and New Jersey. Charity Navigator has given them their highest rating.

Friends of Karen provides emotional, financial and advocacy support for children with a life-threatening illness and their families to help keep them strong, functioning and able to cope. They believe that families can maintain a sense of balance and stability even during the crisis of their child's illness. In addition to numerous other services, they provide sibling support, bereavement support, living expenses, transportation and referrals.

The volunteering that I do varies, from helping with mailings and updating their database to representing them at expos for recruiting volunteers. This is indeed a worthy charity, and they are

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appreciative of whatever time you can give them. To find out more about this important organization, visit www.friendsofkaren.org or call (631) 473-1768.

– Jackie Mooney, jackiemooney124@gmail.com

Answering the Call: Firefighting – I like to put out fires. During the Sunrise Wildfire of 1995, my wife did not see me the whole time.

The only way she knew I was OK was when she saw the

Class A fire truck on News 12.



I've been a volunteer with the Ridge Fire Department for almost 40 years, serving as president for five years. I was also president of the Burn Center Volunteer Fund in Stony Brook, past president of Central North Shore Volunteer Firemen's Association, and past president of the Brookhaven Volunteer Firemen Fighters Museum.

Recently, I've been volunteering as Captain of Fire Police. Sometimes, I would rather be fighting fires than telling people that they can not go down a street. They can get very mad! Fire police protect the firefighters at the scene or direct traffic around a car accident so our men and women can do their jobs.

– Paul Callegari, paulcallegari1949@gmail.com

In Memoriam

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of the following retirees:

Donald I. Garber, 79, March 12, 2016
 Carl A. Christianson, 91, December 31, 2015
 Ann Fort, 82, March 3, 2016
 John T. Koehler, 86, December 1, 2015
 John B. Laurie, 79, February 17, 2016
 N. Blair Munhofen, 95, February 14, 2016

More information may be found at BREA's website: www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/brea
 To post an obituary for a deceased BNL employee or retiree, send information to:

Email: afcohen@optonline.net

Snail mail: Use BREA's return address in the panel below.

Correction to Elliot Auerbach's obituary in the last issue: Elliot was not a founding member of BREA, though he was a vital contributor.

Renew BREA Membership

The BREA membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. If 2015 is on the mailing label of your newsletter, you need to renew your BREA membership by May 31 or it will be suspended. Choose your membership type (annual - \$10, 5 years - \$40, life - \$95) and mail a check made out to BREA to BREA Membership Chair, 46 Richmond Blvd. Unit 3B, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3692. Include your name, mailing address and email address.

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